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## In the News -



**[African-Americans disproportionately affected by generator-related CO](#)**



**[Tobacco-Free Kids Week February 9-14, 2014 AA Local Health Department](#)**



**[Maryland Marcellus Shale Public Health Study - Request for Public Input](#)**



**[Public Input Requested: New fees proposed for Summer camps, Swimming pools & Spas](#)**

## From the Director

The Bureau would like to invite you to join us in a new conceptualization of the home as a locus of many different exposures and behaviors that influence individual and population health. Some, such as lead paint, are obviously and largely uniquely attributable to the physical structure of the home. In other cases, such as the relationship between asthma and home characteristics such as moisture and mold, the fraction of disease related to home-related elements can be difficult to calculate but are still influential. Other relationships, such as home design's influence on injuries, or neighborhood design's influence on diet and physical activity, are also more difficult to quantify and even more controversial. Nevertheless, all of these various elements comprise a more nuanced view of the relationship between the physical environment of the home, and the health of its occupants.> > >

## More Stories of Interest

**Public Health, Energy & Climate Change — [A Survey of Maryland Residents / Summer 2013](#) The survey , funded by the town Creek Foundation, is the first comprehensive survey of Maryland residents to find out what they think about the public health impacts of climate change.**

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## [Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention](#) Conference Focuses on Women of Color



The Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Program, along with the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Bowie State University, co-sponsored the annual MCASA Women of Color Network Conference on Thursday, October 17, 2013 Bowie State University.

Speakers from across the country presented on topics including:

- \* Internalizing Oppression and Silence in Communities of Color
- \* Elevating the Voices of Survivors of Trauma and Violence
- \* The Neurobiology of Trauma
- \* Providing a Voice to Professional Women of Color

For more information about upcoming events and trainings, as well as resources for rape and sexual assault prevention, contact [dhmh.envhealth@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.envhealth@maryland.gov)

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## DATA HIGHLIGHTS

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